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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, RP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LAUREL PAPERS

REF: STATE 170132

1. THOROUGH SEARCH WHICH HAS NOW BEEN CONDUCTED BY ARCHIVISTS OF ALL USG AGENCIES WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE HAD CUSTODY OF LAUREL PAPERS HAS PRODUCED NO TRACE OF ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS.

2. WHILE EFFORTS ARE STILL CONTINUING, THERE SEEMS ALMOST NO LIKELIHOOD PAPERS WILL BE DISCOVERED. INDEED, WE ARE FAIRLY CERTAIN PAPERS WERE NEVER REMOVED FROM THE PHILIPPINES. A SURVEY OF PHILIPPINE ARCHIVES (BEING POUCHES) RUN IN 1945 STATES ARCHIVES IN DISASTROUS CONDITION AND MUCH MATERIAL IN IMMIMENT DANGER OF DESTRUCTION. SURVEY DOES MENTION RECORDS AT EXECUTIVE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, MALACANANG PALACE WHICH AT THAT DATE WERE IN CARE OF "CHIEF OF RECORDS, EMILIANO PUNZAL." RECORDS APPARENTLY "IN GOOD CONDITION" AND COVERED PERIOD "1941 TO PRESENT TIME." SURVEY WAS RUN BY USG TO HELP PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND THERE IS -NO INDICATION ANY RECORDS WERE TRANSFERRED TO

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U.S. SINCE LAUREL WAS NOT TRIED BY U.S. MILITARY TRIBUNAL,

THERE IS LITTLE REASON FOR ANY LAUREL RECORDS TO BE IN DEFENSE ARCHIVES.

3. AT THIS POINT THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN THINK OF FOR LAUREL TO DO SHOULD HE COME TO U.S. UNLESS HE WANTS TO DO GENERAL RESEARCH INTO PHIL-U.S. RELATIONS. HISTORICAL OFFICE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH HIM AND GIVE HIM DETAILS OF EXTENSIVE SEARCH WHICH HAS BEEN MADE BUT WE HAVE NO ONE TO REFER HIM TO AS ALL SOURCES NEGATIVE. HE MIGHT CONSIDER CHECKING VARIOUS PRIVATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SUCH AS CORNELL OR MICHIGAN.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO GIVE LAUREL OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT U.S., WITH THE SEARCH FOR PAPERS SOMEWHAT SECONDARY AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, BUT POSSIBLY A MAJOR CONSIDERATION FROM GOP STANDPOINT. WHILE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ACTION THAT MIGHT DISRUPT LAUREL'S PLANS AT THIS LATE DATE -- PHIL EMBASSY HERE UNDERSTANDS LAUREL DUE IN U.S. SEPTEMBER 20 -- NEITHER CAN WE COMFORTABLY DELAY INFORMING GOP NOW THAT IT SEEMS CLEAR THE PAPERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. (PHIL EMBASSY IS UNDER PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONMIN ROMULO TO ASSIST LAUREL AND WE HAVE A DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH SHOULD BE ANSWERED.) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY READING EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON LAUREL'S PLANS ONCE HE HAS BEEN INFORMED OF NEGATIVE RESULTS OF SEARCH, AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S GENERAL VIEWS ON THIS PROBLEM.

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